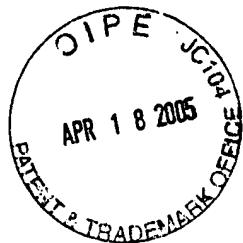


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REMARKS

In response to the Election Request, the Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the group of claims comprising invention I, namely, claims 1 through 5. The Applicants believe however that inventions I and II should properly be grouped as a single sub combination. Submitted herewith is independent claim 26 that is believed to be generic to both claims 1 and 6 and thereby indicates the common inventive subject matter present in those claims. Claims 1 and 6 could each be written as dependent claims upon claim 26 thereby further illustrating the common inventive concepts. As such, further consideration of the Election Requirement between groups I and II is respectfully requested.

The Applicants have deleted claims 11 through 25. These are the claims deleted without prejudice and applicants reserve the right to pursue such claims in a continuing or divisional application.

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